

OUR TRUE GOLD

22/23 September 2018

Kent Area's celebration of Our True Gold took place over the weekend 22/23 September 2018 at The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge in Canterbury – and what a wonderful event it was.

The event was organised by Jane Brentnall from The Arts Society, Ashford, assisted by Christine Hughes, also from Ashford. They are to be thanked and enormously congratulated on a superb event, which involved a great deal of hard work. Thanks are also due to the staff at The Beaney, who were incredibly helpful, in particular the Duty Officer, Carla. Finally, thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help over the two days, especially the contingents from the two Canterbury societies, but equally those from other Kent societies, including Dover, Deal & Sandwich, Gravesend, Medway, and Sandwich.

Our event featured

- Free art workshops with a professional artist for children and young people under 16
- Children's museum trails
- Free highlight tours of the museum (Saturday: 11am, 2pm; Sunday: 1pm, 3pm)
- Exhibition about The Arts Society, including the work of our Volunteers in Young Arts, Heritage Volunteering, Church Recording, and Children's Trails in Places of Worship (all denominations)

The children's museum trails and free children's art workshops were the highlights of the weekend, with a large number of children and their parents completing the museum trails and choosing their favourites from the museum exhibits.

Over 50 children participated in the workshops. In addition to little ones from Kent we had small visitors from France, Spain and China, some of whom were visiting Canterbury for the day, and did not speak any English, but still had a great time drawing and painting with "magic" pencils. We also had some adult visitors with learning difficulties.

Parents and other adults were interested in the information about The Arts Society and several people expressed an interest in becoming members.

Everyone involved went home tired but happy at contributing to The Arts Society in Kent. See below for some pictures of the event.



Directions



Christine and Jenny greeting visitors



Entrance to our workshop area



Our display board



Our display table



Inside the workshop



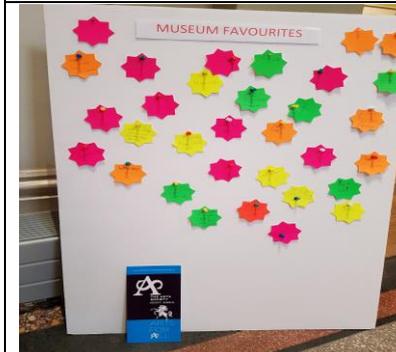
Inside the workshop 2



Jane and Jenny with Jenny's family



Lee distributes stickers in the workshop



The children's favourites



The final frieze